

## YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

### SEVERAL CURIOSITIES IN THE WAY OF FAMOUS OLD CLOCKS.

**A High Spirited Horse Tamed by Kindness and a Bit of Rope—Interesting Facts About a Useful as Well as Remarkable Plant.**

The cotton plant, from the fruit of which cotton fabrics are made, is interesting in its stages. It is planted in the early spring in long straight rows, and grows from two to five feet in height, according to the richness of the soil and the care given to its cultivation. Both blossom and fruit are on the plant at the same time. The blossoms change color, being white one day and rose colored the next.



ON A COTTON PLANTATION.

The flowers usually appear in June and last about three days when they drop off, leaving a small boll which incloses the cotton seed, and which is called the "cotton boll." The shell, after a while, bursts open and discloses the cotton which is now ready to pick. These bolls are in size and shape much like the egg of a guinea hen. When they have opened and the white fluffy cotton hangs from them half falling out, the fields present the appearance of handful of snow scattered over bushes.

At this stage the cotton pickers—usually negro men, women and children, follow one another in long rows with bags slung around their necks, in which they put the cotton as they pick it. When these bags are filled they are emptied into large cotton baskets like those represented in our cut.

This raw cotton, as it is termed, is full of seeds, which are taken out like molasses by a revolving machine called the gin. The cotton is placed in a hopper on the top, the seed falls to the ground, while the cotton is blown from the gin into the picking room; and a beautiful sight it is, covering everything with its fluffy whiteness like a furious snow storm. This cotton lint is gathered up and packed in bales which are compressed by machinery into the iron bound packages one sees in the storehouses at the railway stations and in act of transit. These bales of cotton finally arrive at the manufacturing where the cotton is spun into thread, and the thread, in turn, is woven into cloth.

### World Famous Clocks.

One of the most famous, if not the most famous, clocks in the world is the one at Strasburg, which stands twenty feet high. This clock succeeds a very wonderful one of much older date. The clock that crowns and spreads its wings when the chiming announces the hour alone remains of the original one. The present clock dates from 1574, and its maker finished it after he had been struck blind. It shows the signs of the Zodiac, the motions of the heavenly bodies, as well as a series of pictures; and the events which happen at the striking are too wonderful to relate. A similar one at Ratisbon marks the year by the appearance of the three kings, who pay their adoration to the Virgin. At Lebeck, in the old church, there is a wonderful clock, which at 12 shows automaton figures of the electors of Germany, who inaugurate the emperor, Christ giving the benediction as a choir of angels send forth a flourish of trumpets. Germany boasts of many other famous clocks, given by well known envoys from foreign countries.

England has several curiosities in way of clocks. Horace Walpole had one at Strawberry Hill, given by Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn in 1532, which was subsequently bought by Queen Victoria and is now at Windsor castle. On the weights are the initials of Henry and his second wife, united by a true lovers' knot; on one the royal motto, on the other the words, "The most happy."

**Bishop Melville's Advice to Girls.**  
Don't cultivate that sort of violent friendship which leads to a sort of confidential communication which cannot be made known to your parents. Be very particular as to whom you allow to be familiar with you, as your near companions and friends. First, know well the person, before you allow a closer intimacy; and the moment you see anything wrong in a companion, think what effect it should have on your intimacy. Learn to say "No!" decisively, to any request or proposal which your judgment tells you is not right. It is a great thing in a child to learn to say "No," when it is right to do so. Make it a rule to hear nothing from any girl which you may not be allowed, and would not be willing, to tell your dear mother.

**Training a High Spirited Horse.**  
There was once a beautiful and high spirited horse who would not allow a shoe to be placed on his feet or any person to handle his feet. When any one tried to shoe him he resisted all efforts, kicked aside everything that an snail, and came near killing himself against that.



HORSE TRAINING.

His owner was on the point of consigning him to the plow, where he might walk unshod, when an officer, lately returned from Mexico, took a cord about the size of a common bed cord, put it in the mouth of the horse like a bit, and tied it tightly on the animal's head, passing his left ear under the string, not painfully tight, but tight enough to keep the ear down and the cord in place. This done he patted the horse gently on the side of the head and commanded him to follow, and instantly he obeyed, perfectly subdued, and as gentle and obedient as a dog, suffering his feet to be lifted without making resistance, and acting in all respects like an old stager.

## ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

**Dainty Things in Glass and Silver—Woolen Well Washed.**

Since oranges have become an almost indispensable portion of the modern breakfast of well to do people, there have been special dishes provided for holding this luscious fruit. Decorator and Furnisher describes these and other new and fashionable articles of table ware. Orange bowls are of cut glass in silver frames. They are either round, oval or in square shapes, varying in size from ten to twelve inches in diameter. They are exceedingly pretty and by their convenience are a decided ornament to the table. They are cut in divers attractive and unique patterns, the style known as the "hob nail" cut being preferred, as it most nearly resembles the genuine cut glass, which often costs twenty times as much, but which is so like, that only those familiar with both can distinguish between them at a little distance.

A breakfast caster is a convenient addition although not indispensable, as many families prefer individual pepper and salt dishes at each plate and have but little occasion for other condiments. Breakfast casters are usually made with four bottles, for vinegar, oil, pepper and mustard. They are in square or round shapes, the square table or standard being the most in favor. The bottles are either plain or fancy cut, or in decorated glass. The crystal has heretofore been preferred, but of late there is a tendency toward tinted glass, which seems to be coming more and more into favor.

### An Article of Many Uses.

What on earth our grandmothers and mothers ever did without kerosene oil is a wonder, says a thrifty housewife. Hardly a day passes that this article is not in requisition for some purpose. It is used in washing, clear starching, loosening screws and bolts, cleaning furniture, polishing windows; then medicinally for sore throats, externally, and for eczema both externally and internally. But the best use that I have known it to come into was to take the rust from a stove that had stood through the summer and gathered a thick coating of red rust. Sand and elbow grease were applied most vigorously, but the rust held its own, when a bright idea suggested itself and was acted upon with perfect success. A cloth was dipped in kerosene oil and rubbed over the rust. After a thorough rubbing the stove was blacked, and one could never have thought but it was a span new base burner. Not a particle of rust remained to tell the story. To what use this article will hereafter be called we cannot tell, but really a family could hardly get along in these times without it.

### How the Japanese Cook Rice.

Rice would be a more popular dish than it is, if people understood how to cook it properly. Usually it is served in a soggy mass as different from the well cooked article as a water soaked potato is to a dry, mealy one. The Japanese method of cooking rice, as reported by an observant traveler, is to pour just enough cold water on to prevent the rice from sticking to the pot, which has a tight fitting cover and is set over a moderate fire. The rice is steamed, rather than boiled, until done, then the cover of the pot is taken off, the surplus steam and moisture allowed to escape, and the rice turns out a mass of snowy white kernels, each separate from the other.

### A Toothsome Pudding.

The accumulation of stale bits in the bread and cake boxes may form the basis of very toothsome puddings, of which Harper's Bazar gives the following example: "Half a pound of bread crumbs, half a pound of cake crumbs, one pound of beef suet, two pounds of figs and two eggs. Pour over the crumbs enough milk to soften them, and make a stiff paste, cut the figs into small pieces, chop the suet, and add both and the eggs, well beaten, to the paste, mix thoroughly, tie in a pudding cloth and boil three hours.

### Hot Egg Salad.

Chop one tablespoonful of pickle, mix it with an equal quantity of the grated rind and juice of a lemon, a saltspoonful of salt, a dash of cayenne pepper and three tablespoonful of salad oil. Heat in a frying pan one tablespoonful of oil, break three eggs into it and stir them over the fire two or three times, in order to slightly mix the whites and yolks; let them cook three minutes, then pour them on a salad dish and serve with the dressing of pickle, etc., poured over them.

### Frozen House Plants.

On cold nights place several thicknesses of newspaper between the window and plants that are in it. When plants have been frost bitten the thawing out should always be gradual. One of the best things to do is to sprinkle the foliage with cold water, and put the plants in a room where the temperature is allowed to rise slowly to a suitable degree. Plants while in a frozen condition should be very carefully handled.

### Muffins.

One pint of milk, two beaten eggs, two tablespoons of melted butter, two tablespoons of sugar, two tablespoons of cream tartar, one teaspoon of soda, flour enough to make a batter that will drop from the spoon.

### Apple Snow.

To the whites of two well beaten eggs take a pint of strained apple, sweeten and flavor with a little rose water and a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Beat the apple into the egg a spoonful at a time, when all will be as light as beaten white of egg. Use a Dover egg beater. Eat cold with cream.

### Picture Frame of Wood.

Quite tasteful and novel in the way of a frame suitable for a small picture, is the one here represented. Four pieces of fir, or other wood, nine and one-half and seven and one-half inches long, crossed over as shown in the cut, and fastened with small nails, furnish the foundation.

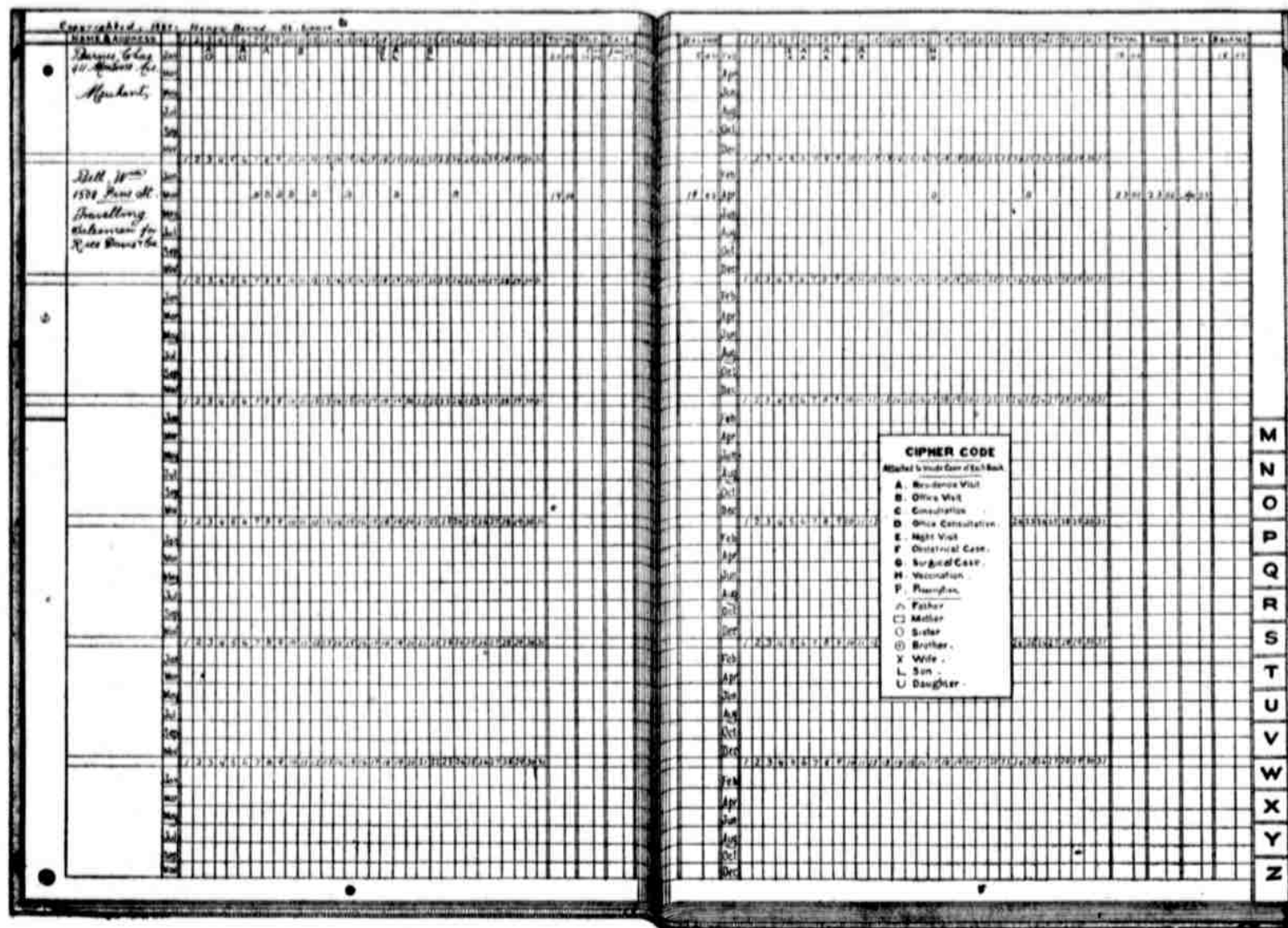


WOOD MOSAIC PICTURE FRAME.

String varnished with gold is twisted over the rods. Small sprigs arranged of acorns, catkins, fir apples and beech nuts, each put on a wire stalk which is bound with a small strip of brown silk paper, are twisted on with wire at the corners of the frame. The frame is set up with a piece of fir four inches long attached to a cross ledge nailed on at the sides.

## A BOON TO PHYSICIANS.

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The Register when closed is 4x7 inches, convenient size to carry in pocket.

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I have lost enough this A. M. to pay for the book, having to make out an account in haste.—Dr. Jno. Boardman, Buffalo, N. Y.

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